

Good Neighbor Environmental Board

Informational Update





The board

- Federal Advisory Committee
 - Federal members
 - Border states members
 - Academia, Tribes
 - Industry, NGOs

21 members



Climate Change Advice Letter

- Water
- Health and vector-borne diseases
- Transportation and air
- Energy
- Emergency response, community resilience



Advice Letter (cont'd)

- Watershed management
 - Information exchange
 - Stormwater management
 - Groundwater recharge, ecological flows
 - Flood prevention, mitigation
 - Prevent trash dumping on surface waters
 - Remove trash from surface waters



Advice Letter (cont'd)

- Health and vector-borne diseases
 - Binational cooperation, coordination, outreach & education
- Transportation and air
 - Decrease border crossing wait times
- Energy
 - Outreach and education to increase use of renewable energy
 - Promote solar energy for small water and wastewater utilities
- Emergency response and community resilience
 - Discourage development in Wildfire prone areas, corridors
 - Assist communities with development of preparedness plans
 - Continue coordination, cooperation with states, local govs, and Mexico on preparedness (US-Mexico JCP)



Next steps

- Work on Annual Report
 - Climate Change
 - Long-term strategies, recommendations
 - Report due December 2016
- Next face-to-face meeting
 - Brownsville, February 2016



Comments/Questions?